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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I recently switched from AT&T to Sonic Fiber service for my telephone and internet service. Sonic provides a superior service at a fair and competitive price to that which I had from AT&T. Not surprisingly, AT&T is now trying to stifle competition. This is nothing new--for years they were the only game in town. Years ago their hold on the telecommunications monopoly was broken up and they were made to divest themselves of many of their parts. Over the past few years, they have been allowed to recombine many of the divested parts, and are now once again a strong anti-competitive conglomerate. They constantly increase their rates, yet do little in the way of innovation or providing better service.

AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, have petitioned the FCC to take away access to unbundled network elements which was made possible, as intended, by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. This will lead to poorer service from competing services such as Sonic, and will most certainly lead to higher prices and less innovation.

In today's world, access to reasonably priced fast broadband is critical.

For all these reasons I oppose the effort by AT&T to take away access to un-bundled network elements. Please do the right thing and deny this petition.

Thank you

Peter Campbell